

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EAGR, EEC  
SUBJ: EC LEVY ON SWEET CORN

1. AN OFFICIAL IN THE ISRAELI MISSION TOLD US THAT HE  
WAS RECENTLY ASKED BY A COMMISSION OFFICIAL CONCERNED WITH  
THE HARMONIZATION OF FOOD LAWS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON  
THE TECHNICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SWEET AND FIELD CORN.  
THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL WAS APPARENTLY ACTING IN RESPONSE  
TO A COMPLAINT MADE SOME TIME AGO BY THE CANADIANS THAT  
THE CURRENT TARIFF TREATMENT OF SWEET CORN AS A GRAIN IS  
UNJUSTIFIED SINCE IT IS, IN FACT, A DIFFERENT PRODUCT.  
THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAID THAT HE HAD MADE SIMILAR REPRESENTATION  
TO THE COMMISSION IN THE PAST. HE SAID THAT  
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THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN  
TARIFF CATEGORY 21.07AI (CORN IN GRAIN OR EAR FORM, PRE-  
COOKED OR OTHERWISE PREPARED) TO WHICH THE EC APPLIES A  
DUTY OF 13 PLUS A VARIABLE COMPONENT BASED ON THE  
IMPORT LEVY ON GRAIN. HOWEVER, ISRAEL WAS ALSO INTERESTED  
IN FRESH SWEET CORN ENTERING UNDER CXT 10.05B TO WHICH  
THE NORMAL CORN IMPORT LEVY IS APPLIED.

2. THE ISRAELI OFFICIAL SAID HE HAD ALSO CONTACTED THE CANADIAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN MISSIONS ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S REQUEST. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF ALL THESE MISSIONS PRESENTED TECHNICAL INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION AND MADE KNOWN THEIR INTEREST IN THIS AREA. WE AFFIRMED US INTEREST IN THIS PRODUCT AND ADDED THAT WE HAD REQUESTED TARIFF CONCESSIONS ON CXT 21.07AI IN THE MTN.

3. WHILE WE FEEL THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL BE PERSUADED TO CHANGE THE TARIFF TREATMENT OF THIS ITEM ON THE BASIS OF TECHNICAL INFORMATION, PROVISION OF THIS INFORMATION TO THE EC MIGHT INCREASE INTEREST IN THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHANGE IN THE TARIFF TREATMENT OF THIS PRODUCT. THEREFORE, WE REQUEST INFORMATION REGARDING THE TECHNICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SWEET CORN AND FIELD CORN (E.G., WATER CONTENT, SUGAR CONTENT AT THE TIME OF PACKING) FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE COMMISSION. HINTON

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